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## Paris booed at birthday party

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## L.A. Weight Loss closing some stores

**ECONOMY** CBC is reporting that nine L.A. Weight Loss stores in Atlantic Canada — including one in Halifax — are closing their doors.

One owner told CBC tough economic times are why he's closing his doors. Customers who paid for long-range programs are expected to get refunds.

No one was answering the phone at the Halifax store yesterday or at the franchise headquarters in Pennsylvania.

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## Shootout Sea Dogs take bite out of Mooseheads



Saint John Sea Dogs forward Ryan Sparling celebrates his second-period goal on Mathieu Corbeil and the Halifax Mooseheads during last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Sea Dogs defeated the Mooseheads 5-4 in a shootout. **Story, page 9**

RYAN SPARLING/METRO HALIFAX

## Arrest made in Lockview lockdown

**THREAT** The 15-year-old girl who allegedly threatened to shoot two female students at Lockview high school was arrested yesterday morning in Waverley.

The Fall River school was locked down before lunch on Monday when the school alerted the RCMP after a parent called in to say that a girl, who doesn't go to the school, threatened to shoot two students there.

RCMP closed the school and all students remained in their classrooms for about 25 minutes. Police took the two students into protective custody and began to search for the suspect. Cpl. Joe Taplin said even after the arrest, investigators are still trying to find out if the suspect had access to a firearm.

The suspect was in custody while waiting to appear in youth court to answer to charges of criminal harassment and uttering threats.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

# Carleton dumps Shinerama

Student reps at Ottawa university decide cystic fibrosis not 'diverse' enough for fundraiser

DEREK GORDANIER  
and RACHEL BOOMER



**The Carleton University Student Association has voted to cancel its annual Shinerama campaign for cystic fibrosis, saying the disease mostly affects "white people, and primarily men," and isn't "diverse" enough for students' continued support.**

Carleton student rep Meera Chander said some students had suggested during orientation week that CF did not affect a broad

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Ian Thompson, Halifax man who lost both children to CF

enough range of people for it to accurately reflect the Ottawa school's multicultural makeup.

"The fact of the matter is, it only affects a certain demographic of the population and we feel that we should be focusing more on a local charity ... that applies to the demographics of Carleton University, because we have a very di-

verse campus," Chander said.

Cathleen Morrison, head of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, said that's just wrong.

CF is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting young Canadians and it doesn't discriminate among gender or skin colour, Morrison said.

"Lots of people who are

dark-skinned have CF just the same as someone who has light skin," Morrison said.

Halifax native Ian Thompson knows too well that the disease doesn't just strike boys. It took both his children: Daughter Jane, at age 26, and her older brother, Robbie, who died at 23.

Thompson, who has been active in international campaigns for CF, said yesterday the move shows the Carleton student union is misinformed.

"They should make decisions based on facts, not foolishness," Thompson said.

Dalhousie Student Union president Courtney Larkin said she was "surprised" to hear of the Carleton decision, but Dal won't be following suit.

"I think the Shinerama team does a really good job letting students know how this could affect you, that it could be a classmate or a friend," Larkin said.

Morrison said she hopes to convince Carleton students to resume Shinerama. The Carleton student union intends to pick a new charity to support by May.

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# On the 40th day, they rested

A look back at the stranger bills, debates and moments from this year's legislature

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**The fall sitting of the legislature came to an end yesterday. Here are some highlights:**

### We're here for a good time, not a long time

This fall's legislature session ended on its 17th day. When you add that to the spring session, it's a total of 39 gruelling days for the year. That's one day less than 2007.

The premier said it isn't about the size of the session, but the quality of the bills.

A total of 38 bills were passed, from a Halifax charter to making the Sable Island pony Nova Scotia's provincial horse.

### You can't handle the truth

The NDP and Liberals spent a great deal of time this fall demanding "the truth" about the province's finances.

Yesterday, the NDP outlined how eight provinces in the country had already delivered fiscal updates about the recession, and the ninth, Newfoundland and Labrador, was planning to.

That puts Nova Scotia as the only province in Canada without an early update. But Rodney MacDonald refused to budge, saying he'd wait until the scheduled update in December.

"I want to make sure we provide a full picture to the

public," said MacDonald.

"To provide an economic picture with half the information, I believe, is doing a disservice to the people."

### HRMbyDebate

HRMbyDesign was seen by many as the most significant bill passed this session. The plan will streamline Halifax's development process.

A public forum on the bill was heated, as heritage and business speakers clashed. The bill was described alternatively as a necessary step to save Halifax from a floundering economy and a Machiavellian plan to block citizen involvement in the democratic process.

But in the end only one MLA, the NDP Halifax Chebucto representative Howard Epstein, voted against the bill.

### No one wants to be the guy in the room supporting child porn

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke's unveiling of his new child-porn bill was somewhat of a disaster.

The bill would make it illegal for someone not to report child pornography if they saw it. But police at the news conference couldn't name a single time the law would have been applied.

Both opposition parties attacked the bill as a useless, toothless attempt to look tough on crime.

Then when it came up for a vote, all three parties supported it.



Premier Rodney MacDonald has a laugh at Province House during the final day of the fall session of the legislature yesterday.

### That'll be one tersely worded Christmas card

Rodney MacDonald took a swipe at NDP Leader Darrell Dexter yesterday for signing Christmas cards while the House was sitting.

Dexter didn't deny it, saying he frequently does MLA work at his desk (and noted one of the cards was for the premier).

What MacDonald didn't mention is there are many times you'd be hard pressed to find a single MLA paying attention. Metro has wit-

nessed members reading, looking at picture books and even trying to fix sunglasses for a half hour.

MacDonald himself can often be seen chatting with Justice Minister Cecil Clarke during opposition speeches.

### Hecklers beware

MLAs hurling insults across the floor isn't exactly rare in the legislature. But a couple of jokes this session got ministers in hot water.

While Liberal MLA Dave Wilson was extolling on his fight to create a school in

New Glasgow, Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor yelled a crack about "taking it back." Some interpreted this as a threat to close the school.

The opposition also alleged Fisheries Minister Ron Chisholm was intimidating them with threats when he joked, "I'm not sure we're going to give any money to the lobster fishermen in the areas that the NDP represent, but anyway."

In both cases hasty retractions were given, the opposition agreed the com-

ments weren't serious, and all three parties agreed the level of civility needed to be raised.

### Rodney MacDonald as opposition leader

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil must feel so ignored.

It isn't hard to see who Rodney MacDonald sees as his main threat in a rumoured spring election. MacDonald focused the vast majority of his attacks this fall on the NDP (or "No Development Please" party as he dubbed them) and their leader, Darrell Dexter.

MacDonald even kind of complimented the Liberals on the closing day, saying they were more focused on the economy than the NDP.

That spurred Dexter to remark, "When I watch him in media scrums, he behaves more like the opposition than the premier."

### Hockey Night in Halifax

If you went by debate time, the most pressing issue facing the province is its love of hockey.

The bill to make hockey the official sport of Nova Scotia was "debated" for about two hours. This consisted of Barry Barnett, Percy Paris and seemingly every other MLA praising the sport and sharing intimate details of their past hockey careers.

It included classic nuggets of advice like "win or lose but don't hit the booze" from Bill Estabrooks.

"What circle of hell is this?" asked one reporter as the second hour rolled around.

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## Largest chunk of Maritime funds for research spent in Nova Scotia

**INCREASES** Nova Scotia is eating up the biggest chunk of spending on research and development in the Maritimes.

Between 1996 and 2005, spending increased 80 per cent to \$770 million. Of that \$464 million (nearly 60 per cent) was spent in Nova Sco-

80%

The increase in spending on research and development in the Maritimes from 1996 to 2005.

tia. The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission announced the spend-

ing increases yesterday. Spending on research and development increased \$63 million in the Maritimes between 2004 and 2005.

This region also boasts a greater amount of research and development funding than the national average.

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## Dean Sharpe dies at age 70

**FATALITY** Every morning for 38 years, Dean Sharpe would head off to work for 7 a.m. He loved nothing more than to spend the day working at his family business, maintaining cars alongside his sons and grandson.

The owner of Dean Sharpe's Service Station died Friday after suffering from a diabetic episode, followed by a heart attack.

He was 70 years old.

Sharpe began his career working in the lumber industry. He worked for D. Porter and Sons of Stellarton and then for Shaw Brick. He started in the automotive business in 1970.

The family has every intention to carry on, making Dean Sharpe's Service Station a third-generation family business.

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**There may be a recession coming, but Bluenosers are still buying**

Retail sales from August to September 2008 went up by 2.1 per cent in Nova Scotia, and 7.3 per cent from September 2007 to September 2008, according to Statistics Canada. **METRO HALIFAX**

## NDP say whistleblower legislation is needed

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A report shows government employees are hardly filing any complaints of wrongdoing, but it also raises questions about whether people are staying quiet.

A grand total of zero complaints were made to deputy department heads last year, and 21 were made to the office of the ombudsman, according to the 2007-08 report on Civil Service Disclosure of Wrongdoing.

But a survey showed only half of provincial employees surveyed knew who to contact to make a disclosure. Only 37 per cent said they would feel comfortable using the reporting process.

Complaints are likely not being filed because people are afraid of retaliation, said NDP human resources critic Gordie Gosse.

"We need to have whistleblower legislation that protects civil servants

when they see wrongdoing in their organizations, so they can come forward and know that they'll be protected," said Gosse.

But Human Resources Minister Carolyn Bolivar-Getson said the reports to the ombudsman's office show the program is working.

"I think they really do have an avenue through the office of the ombudsman to go in confidence. Confidentiality is something that we definitely stress throughout this policy," said Bolivar-Getson.

One out of three employees surveyed weren't even aware there was a disclosure of wrongdoing policy. But Bolivar-Getson says the program is still in its early years and they'll continue to get the word out.

"There's an active website on this, there's information set up, there's posters in departments," she said.

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## Santa's helpers head to class

EDANA ROBITAILLE  
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**Santa's helpers were busy at Saint Catherine's School yesterday morning. Two postal elves came to help the children in the Primary/Grade 1 class write their letters to Santa.**

The children were more than excited to send letters

to the North Pole and wrote sometimes very long wish lists for the old guy up north. The most popular item? Remote control planes and helicopters.

Shelly Goldsmith has been helping Santa for 20 years. She usually helps answer about 150 letters a year. Her favourite letter from last year had an interesting request.

"I had one little boy, he wanted a toy for his sister so

that she would leave him alone and not play with his toys," Goldsmith said.

It's Caron Walsh's first year as being one of Santa's Helpers. She's overwhelmed by the volume of letters. She says a lot of kids ask for practical things like lights for their wheelchairs. James Anderson, 6, asked for toys, but also wants snow pants.

**"I had one little boy, he wanted a toy for his sister so that she would leave him alone and not play with his toys."**

Shelly Goldsmith

Canada Post says kids ask Santa a lot of questions like, "How much do you weigh?" or the ever popular "Are you immortal?"

Santa would like to tell children

in Halifax who gave his elves letters at the Parade of Lights two weeks ago that some of the letters got so wet he couldn't read them. Children should try writing again if they don't get a reply within about a week.



James Anderson and Sara-Faye Prior are excited to get a letter back from Santa. The Primary and Grade 1 students got help writing to Santa from postal elves.

## With downtown-development legislation in place, next step is height restrictions

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Just how tall should new buildings in the downtown be?

That's the next step regional council has to deal with in order to formalize HRMbyDesign.

MLAs passed the city's framework for redeveloping the downtown over the next 25 years into legislation Monday.

The new rules will streamline the process for development in the downtown, and involve the public earlier at the design stage.

A design review committee will decide whether bids for new buildings get the go-ahead, and council will become an appeal body.

Appeals to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review board will still be possible, but only after appeals to council.

### Public opinion

- A recent Bristol Group survey commissioned by Metro Halifax showed half of the respondents said most sightlines from Citadel Hill should be preserved. Three in 10 said they want to keep just a few sightlines and build highrises. Twelve per cent don't want sightlines changed at all, and nine per cent said new buildings are more important than sightlines.

Now, with legislation in place, the next step is a public hearing on setting height restrictions, Mayor Peter Kelly says.

No date has been set yet, but Kelly said the hearing will happen early in the new year.

He said council will have to take into account current laws that protect the viewplanes from Citadel Hill.

"The development community, of course, will be

heard, but so will the heritage groups and every other public member who wishes to speak," Kelly said.

"We have to be open, transparent, allow the public to make known their points of view and then make a final decision."

Heritage versus development issues, particularly around building height, have been a "hot tamale," at council in the past, and Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane said she expects that will continue at the upcoming hearing.

"We've been trying to ... find some kind of middle ground in which people are somewhat happy," she said.

"They won't all be happy on either side — both spectrums are going to have their grievances and that's allowed — but that's where we as council have to bring it to a happy ending."

## New deputy mayor chosen for regional council

**COUNCIL** Preston-Lawrence-town-Chezzetcook Coun. David Hendsbee was selected yesterday to be the new deputy mayor of regional council.

Hendsbee has been an alderman for 11 years in total. In 1999, he was elected as the Conservative MLA for Preston and served until 2003. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Board Grinding the rails



Hugh Short, a Citadel High School student, grinds a sloped rail at Gorsebrook Park yesterday.

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# Return to wild

## Captivity-bred Atlantic whitefish released

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**They took to their new home like, well, fish to water.**

More than 400 "living fossils" were released into a Dartmouth lake yesterday in an effort to save the Atlantic whitefish from extinction.

"We do have an obligation to minimize the effects of human activity on the species," said Rod Bradford, a biologist with Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

They're rare fish, and only native to Canada. The species goes back a million years and the more common whitefish have evolved from the Atlantic whitefish. "They're like a living fossil," he said.

The world's only wild population of Atlantic whitefish is living in Petite Riviere in southern Nova Scotia. The building of a dam of the Tusknet River in 1929 interfered with their movements and rising acidity may have impacted their reproduction capabilities.

Bradford said Anderson Lake was picked because there will be little human interference there. Yesterday's release was the third and final batch of captivity-bred Atlantic whitefish in Anderson Lake.

They'll need to learn to feed since they've been hand-fed since they were born. They'll also have to avoid predators, and learn to adapt to the different seasons.

One predator they won't have to face is humans — Atlantic whitefish are a protected species.



John Whitelaw, a technician at the Mersey Biodiversity facility, releases Atlantic whitefish into Anderson Lake yesterday.

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## N.S. beetle named after Mi'kmaq

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The discovery of a new beetle, Euvira Micmac, has Christopher Majka of the Nova Scotia Museum very excited.

In an animated phone interview, Majka, who discovered the beetle, explained the importance of the find at great length. He says that he felt it was important to name the beetle for the Mi'kmaq people. To the best of his knowledge, the Euvira Micmac is the first animal or plant named to honour the Mi'kmaq.

"We decided to name it in honour of the native people of Nova Scotia, whose culture has had a profound relationship with the natural world for millennia."

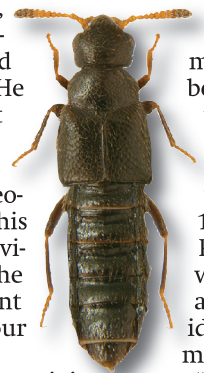
The Mi'kmaq community was rendered speechless by the honour. Gordon King, ex-

ecutive director of the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre in Halifax, had nothing to say on the subject, nor did Chief Lawrence Paul of the Millbrook First-Nations Reserve. Neither had heard of it, but Majka says his Mi'kmaq friends are "tickled pink."

There are about 2,400 species of beetles in Nova Scotia. Majka says that the majority of these beetles are beneficial to the environment.

The new beetles were collected in 1993 from Little Pond Lake. Majka was the first to take a closer look to help identify them — a much closer look.

"One of the things that we look at very intently these days are the naughty bits of the beetles. It turns out that those are characteristically shaped so we do a little micro-dissection of the penises of little tiny beetles."



## Climate plan delayed again

**ENVIRONMENT** Nova Scotia's oft-delayed climate-change plan is still on hold. This time it's because of Barack Obama.

The province's plan to tackle global warming was due out last fall. Then it was pushed to this spring. Then this fall. Still no sign of it.

Environment Minister Mark Parent said the government is waiting for Obama to go to Poland, where it's rumoured he'll announce a cap-and-trade system.

"Any climate-change plan that you do has to be done in light of what other people are doing," said Parent.

"We have to see what's happening with the New England states in particular."

Parent said he can't say when the plan will be out. And he can't say when he can say when the plan will be out. But it'll be soon.

The opposition aren't buying it. "It's ridiculous. They've been talking about a climate-change strategy for almost 10 years now and they keep finding new excuses to put it off. Now they've just found another one," said NDP environment critic Graham Steele.

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**Former teacher charged with luring children**

A 34-year-old former elementary school teacher pleaded not guilty to 27 charges of Internet luring of children in a St. Stephen, N.B., court yesterday. The RCMP have laid 16 more charges against Jude O'Reilly. The Mounties allege the charges involve as many as 25 young people. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada/World

## PM panned on economy

**With astonishing swiftness, Canada's decade-long taboo on running a federal deficit has been replaced by a debate on how fast billions of dollars can be shovelled out the door to rescue the economy.**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper now says a deficit may be inevitable next fiscal year as the country moves to weather the global financial and economic storms.

And his political opponents — all of whom had, like Harper, pledged during the campaign for last month's general election

to avoid deficit spending — are now asking why he does not stimulate the economy more quickly.



Stephen Harper

The main criticism this week is that the government will wait till the annual budget early next year to announce a stimulus package, rather than in tomorrow's fall fiscal and economic update. In response, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he would advance the timing for the budget, normally presented in late February or early March.

REUTERS

## Funding trips up B.C. ballet

**FERNANDO CARNEIRO**  
Metro Canada



**FUNDING** There's no one left standing — on their tippy-toes or otherwise — at Ballet B.C. as all 38 dancers and staff were terminated.

The Ballet British Columbia's board of directors issued a news release yesterday saying that "flagging subscriptions and low ticket sales" are to blame. The board called the move a "reorganization."

Leon Feizo-Gas said the dancers were in rehearsal when the announcement was made. "There were a lot of tears," said Feizo-Gas, who was in his fourth season with Ballet B.C. "I was shocked. It really caught us all off guard."

The one show still on is the presentation of the



Leon Faizo-Gas, at the Scotiabank Dance Centre downtown Vancouver yesterday, is one of 18 dancers terminated by Ballet B.C.

Nutcracker in late December. "We are asking everyone to go and buy tickets for Nutcracker," Graeme Barrit, chairman of the board of directors and president of the Vancouver-based company said.

"If we sell out Nutcracker, Ballet B.C. will survive."

In the meantime, the board is asking for support at all levels of governments as well as from private-sector sponsors and individual donors.

## Alberta meteor could weigh up to 10 tonnes: Expert

**SPACE** A University of Calgary researcher has discovered that the spectacular meteor that lit the skies the prairies last Thursday weighs approximately 10 tonnes.

U of C expert Alan Hildebrand also believes the large fireball may have left chunks of the shattered space rock in a region in western Saskatchewan.

He is leading a team of researchers on the hunt for the meteor just south of Battle River, Sask. **METRO**

### News in brief

**FOOD BANKS** Working Canadians are turning to food banks in record numbers, a leading charity said yesterday.

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## Man sentenced to life for raping daughters

**A British man was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for repeatedly raping his two daughters over a 25-year period, fathering seven children by them during years of violence and abuse.**

A court in Sheffield, northern England, heard that the 56-year-old took pleasure in the harm he did to his daughters, whom he began abusing at the age of eight, threatening them with violence if they refused to have sex with him, Britain's Press Association reported.

The violence, abuse and incest — the man made his daughters pregnant a total of 19 times — recall the case of Josef Fritzl, the Austrian rapist who kept his

**"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children."**

Nicholas Campbell, lawyer

daughter locked in a dungeon for 24 years, fathering seven children by her.

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children, and when they threatened to tell police, he said they would not be believed," lawyer Nicholas Campbell told the court.

The convicted man's son described him as having a "Jekyll and Hyde" personality that could turn to anger in a split second.

The court heard that the

father would hold his younger daughter's face close to a fire, singeing her eyes, if she refused to do what he told her to, and at other times he held a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her.

"The victims were too frightened to tell anyone, even their mother," Campbell said. "The defendant played Russian roulette as to whether there would be complications in the pregnancies and with the health of his daughters."

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## U.S. unveils \$800B in bank aid

**MARKET** The U.S. Federal Reserve unveiled an \$800-billion US plan yesterday to buy mortgage-related debt and back consumer loans as it tries to revive the U.S. lending market and steer the global economy away from a deep recession.

As the Fed announced its move, the United States posted the sharpest fall in gross domestic product

since 2001, likely joining Europe in recession.

The latest actions mean the government now faces a possible bill as high as \$8.3 trillion from various programs to prop up the financial system, revive loan markets and rescue companies. That's more than half last year's U.S. gross domestic product, about \$14 trillion.

REUTERS

## Obama vows to cut wasteful costs

**ECONOMY** President-elect Barack Obama vowed yesterday to cut billions of dollars from wasteful government programs to fight debt and a faltering economy. An example, Obama said, were reports of crop subsidies to farmers who make more than \$2.5 million US per year. He did not say what other programs he was eyeing.

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### News in brief

**THAILAND** Thousands of bemused tourists were left stranded yesterday in Bangkok after protesters stormed the terminal of one of Asia's busiest airports. "There are a lot of people with sticks and baseball bats. They looked ready for a fight. We don't know what's going on,"

Belgian Ben Creemers said as the People's Alliance for Democracy supporters rampaged. Airline and airport officials simply melted away, pulling down the shutters and deserting their posts as protesters approached.

**POLAND** The remains of

wartime prime minister and military leader Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski were exhumed yesterday for tests in an attempt to settle the mystery surrounding his death in 1943. Sikorski died in a plane crash in Gibraltar, and many Poles remain convinced he was assassinated.

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# Moon's spin on hate

Professor recommends repealing section of rights act

## The WestView

**Paul Sullivan**

Journalist & media consultant

My hero is a guy called Richard Moon. Other people have their Sidney Crosbys or Beyoncés, but I want Richard Moon's autograph. I'm thinking of mounting his picture on my office wall. He's the man.

Who, you ask, is Richard Moon? Well, he's a professor at the University of Windsor who has written a report, released this week, recommending that the Canadian Human Rights Commission no longer investigate complaints relating to hate speech.

Who cares about that, you snort? You should, as the Human Rights Commission and all its little provincial sprouts make it their business to monitor

your every thought, word and deed and decide whether or not you're playing by the rules.

The only problem is the commissions make the rules with zero input from me or you and they have a tendency to get zealous in their defence of the allegedly offended.

I've already written here about the sad case of Mark Steyn, the neo-conservative Maclean's journalist who was dragged through an interminable investigation hosted by the B.C. Human Rights Commission for the crime of writing a peevish piece about Islam, only after the determined complainant was turned down by the Canadian and Ontario commissions.

But not before the heads of both the CHRC and its Ontario counterpart, Jennifer Lynch and Barbara

Hall, respectively, took public shots at Steyn. Even if they reluctantly concluded that they had no jurisdiction in the

matter, they couldn't resist using their bully pulpits to bring him down a peg.

Who do they think they are, journalists?

Anyway, my new hero was commissioned to write a report in the wake of the Steyn furor, and I bet it spoiled more than one bureaucrat's day as his principle recommendation is to repeal the section of the Canadian Human Rights Act, Section 13, dealing with hate speech.

He was quick to point out we already have plenty of protection against hate speech. It's called the Criminal Code of Canada, which bans the willful promotion of hate. But that's not enough for the thought po-

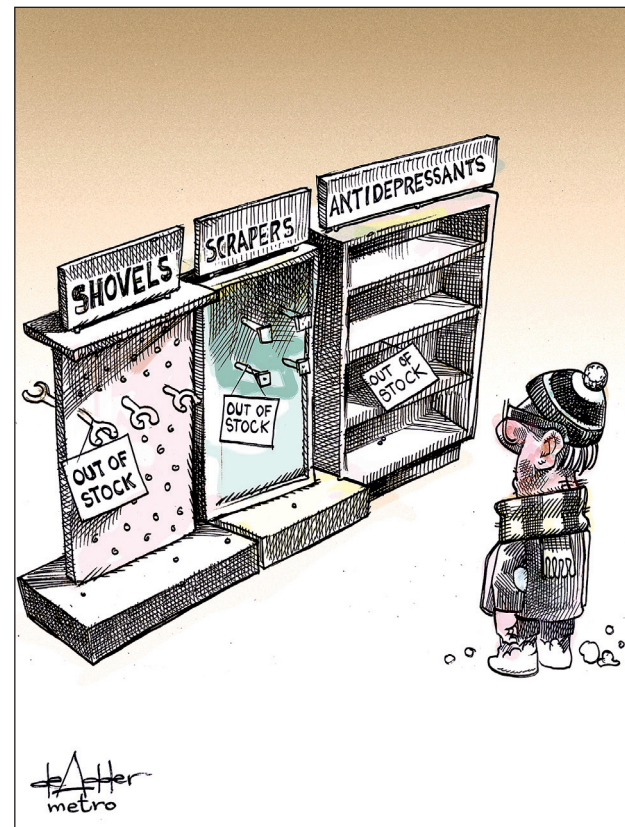
lice, who have duplicated these provisions ad nauseam across the country, just in case someone has an errant thought.

But in this social networking age, every errant thought is posted on the Internet and the thought police are wearing themselves ragged trying to stem the tide.

So instead of trying to shut down hate-filled stupidity wherever it rears its head, destroying free and honest expression in the process, Moon offers the following common sense approach: "Find ways other than censorship to respond to expression that stereotypes and defames." Argument, debate, discussion, dialogue: Whatever you want to call it, it beats the kind of kangaroo court justice practised by human rights commissions.

Now, let's just hope someone doesn't complain to the human rights commission about Richard Moon.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.



## Letters

### Canadian economy may be scary, but cartoon wasn't

What a racist comic depiction in Metro (Nov. 20) of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean portrayed as a "spook."

Sure, the Canadian economic forecast is "scary" and Stephen Harper has vague plans on responding to the challenge, but Michael de Adder's attempt at satire scraped the bottom of the barrel with this one. Not funny!

DIANNE WEDDERBURN, HALIFAX

### Photo called 'disrespectful' to family and friends

Re: Metro photo (Nov. 19)

I wanted you to know that the picture on the front page of the paper concerning the lady who was struck and killed in Halifax by the dump truck was truly disrespectful to her family and friends.

Ask the photographer or person who posted this picture how they would feel if that was their child, sister, mom, aunt, or friend. I expect more from a Nova Scotian paper.

TAMMIE ISENER, HALIFAX

### Why pay attention to the voting-age debate?

There is an interesting but

pointless debate in Nova Scotia. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil has introduced a bill into the provincial legislature to lower the voting age to 16 from 18 in conjunction with an increase in civics and history education in response to the historically low provincial and federal voter turnouts.

Raising voter turnout requires real substantive changes to invite the citizen back into the governance system, but that means diluting the power of the parties and the leaders — but the parties and the leaders control the system and change is not in their interest. So no matter which way we turn, we are back to where we started: A system that cannot fix itself and is divorced from its citizens.

Why would voters involve themselves in any of this?

JONATHAN DEAN, BEDFORD

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## Word on the street: Do you think the North American auto industry deserves a government bailout?

**Miriam Beach**

age 35,  
St. Margarets  
Bay

A: The workers deserve it, but not the owners of the auto industry.

**Andre Cauchi**

age 36, Toronto

A: I think they shouldn't bail it out without very rigorous expectations about how they are going to re-market themselves.

**Sherry Dentermont**

age 52,  
Tantallon

A: It's a mixed bag. The auto industry is a huge enterprise and if it crashes, it will make a big impact on society.

**Kyle Button**

age 24, Calgary

A: It's such a big part of our economy, and I don't think it would hurt anything — they certainly need it. The big question is how much and how soon?

**Sarah Massie**

age 23,  
Vancouver

A: No. If the heads of the car companies can fly in to ask for money on corporate jets, I think they can figure it out for themselves.

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## Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel (441 respondents):

Yes: 19.8%  
No: 68.3%  
Don't know: 11.9%



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**AIG executive gets salary of one dollar**

American International Group Inc. chief executive Edward Liddy will receive \$1 US in salary this year and next, and there will be no bonuses for the company's top seven senior executives. Fifty more execs will also be locked out of pay raises in 2009. **REUTERS**

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# Business

EDITOR: FERMIN DESOUZA, FERMIN.DESOUZA@METRONEWS.CA

## Petro-Can joint venture unlikely: CEO

**OIL** Petro-Canada will not give up a stake in its oil-sands operations in order to acquire refining capacity to process the tar-like bitumen to be produced at its planned Fort Hills oil sands mine, its chief executive said yesterday.

Ron Brenneman said the company was not interested in forming a joint venture with a U.S. refiner that would dilute ownership of its oil sands assets.

It's more likely the company would buy or invest in a refiner, Brenneman said.

Both EnCana Corp. and Husky Energy Inc. have formed such ventures, surrendering half stakes in oil sands projects in return for an interest in U.S. refineries. The move allows them to avoid building expensive upgraders to process their oilsands bitumen. **REUTERS**

## THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### Michelin promises to work with African Nova Scotians:

Michelin has pledged to work with the African Nova Scotian community to promote employment, retention and career-development opportunities for African Nova Scotians at its three plants in the province. Michelin agreed to target its job postings and detail its hiring process to the community, as well as look at ways to use African Nova Scotian suppliers in plants.

### Restaurant players honoured:

Restaurant-industry influencers and key players have handed out kudos, awarding the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture with an achievement award recently. Craig Flinn of Chives Canadian Bistro and Earlene Busch of Chanterelle Country Inn were honoured as Local Food Heroes for their support, commitment and promotion of local agriculture. The restaurant group also inducted the late Ernie (Col. Ernie) Edwards of Edwards Fine Food into its Hall of Fame.

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## Car sales driven up 1.1% despite downturn

**Despite troubles in the auto industry, Canadians bought a lot of new cars in September, helping to push up overall retail sales in the month by an unexpectedly strong 1.1 per cent from August.**

New car sales jumped 2.9 per cent in value terms in September and the number of vehicles sold also rose. The automotive sector as a whole — which encompasses used vehicles and parts and gasoline — rose 2.2 per cent.

Statistics Canada said yesterday the increase in retail sales was largely due to the first rise in new vehicle purchases since January.

**"All economists are eating some humble pie on this one."**

Derek Holt

Car dealers in Canada forecast that 2008 will be the second or third best year on record for new-vehicle sales, even as auto manufacturers complain of plummeting U.S. sales.

The September gain more than offset August's 0.3 per cent decline in retail sales and made economists look excessively downbeat with their median forecast of a 0.3 per cent increase.

"In all frankness, all economists are eating some humble pie on this one as growth in total sales nearly tripled estimates, while growth in core sales ex autos quadrupled consensus predictions," said Derek Holt, economist at Scotia Capital.

The rise in car sales does not mean smooth sailing for the Canadian auto manufacturing industry, however, as about one in nine cars made in Canada is exported to the United States, where car sales are at depressed levels.

The good news is unlikely to last through the fourth quarter as the impact of the global financial crisis hit the Canadian economy in full force in October, as business and consumer spending, export levels and commodity prices decline. **REUTERS**

## Business in brief

**AUTOS** Beleaguered automakers in Canada will wipe out at least 15,000 jobs and post losses

of more than \$3.1 billion this year and in 2009 before starting a recovery in 2010, according to the Conference

Board. The slowing U.S. auto market, a shift to more fuel-efficient vehicles not made in

Canada and a strong dollar are to blame. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Chase Uttley has had arthroscopic hip surgery and is expected to need four to six months to recover. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



**"He's a walking train wreck, and unfortunately people turn their heads to watch a train wreck."**

Golfer Stuart Appleby, left, about John Daly, right, on what he believes is the reason for Daly's invitation to the Australian Masters tournament. **SOURCE: ESPN**



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## Burke all but signed in Toronto

**NHL** Brian Burke will have a formal contract offer from the Toronto Maple Leafs in his hands today and he's just a signature from becoming the team's president and GM, sources told the Toronto Star. Considering that the term and financial compensation have already been agreed, acceptance of the deal is a formality and the Burke era in Toronto will begin with that autograph. It's anticipated that the 53-year-old Burke will be introduced as the Leafs' head of all things hockey on Saturday. Burke's deal will include the rest of this season, then a five-year contract that kicks in next season. He made about \$1.4 million US managing the Anaheim Ducks and is expected to have his salary doubled by the Leafs.



Brian Burke

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## Habs dominate all-star ballot

**NHL** As of yesterday, Montreal Canadiens players led the balloting for all six starting spots on the Eastern Conference all-star team. Should the numbers hold through the Jan. 2 end of balloting, the Habs would become the first team to have the entire starting lineup elected to an all-star game.

## Vick pleads guilty on state charges

**FOOTBALL** Former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, already serving a prison sentence for federal dogfighting charges, pleaded guilty to a state dogfighting charge yesterday. Vick was in a Virginia courtroom and entered his guilty plea in an effort to hasten his early release. He is currently serving a jail sentence in Leavenworth, Kansas for the federal offense and could be released to a federal halfway house in July. Without the resolution of the state charges, Vick would not have been eligible for release to a halfway house. In the federal plea, the former Pro Bowl selection did not admit to killing any dogs personally or gambling on the fights.

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# B2ten may have medal formula

## Donors step up where governments have failed our athletes

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## 2010 Games

**If Helen Upperton's bobsled had wheels, they'd have been spinning.**

The promising young pilot was stuck in a rut: fourth at the 2006 Turin Olympics; five fourth-place finishes on the World Cup circuit the following season. She knew her driving was improving, even if the results didn't show it. She also knew she needed a new sled, so she committed herself to doing whatever it took to buy one.

It turned out to be a lot easier than she expected.

That summer she hooked up with an outfit called B2ten, a group of well-heeled Canadian businessmen who have pooled about \$2 million together to provide Olympians with the extras that could produce a medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games — no strings attached.

It's not a blank cheque. In fact, the athletes don't get any cash. The program provides services and goods to try to complement what already exists and generally recruits athletes who are on the cusp of an international breakthrough but might be short of resources.

"They said, 'You tell us what you need and we'll make sure you have it,'" said world champion speed skater Denny Morrison, a



Canadian athletes involved in the B2ten program look for the winning recipe with chef Matthew Schnarch, far right, during a retreat last year. From left are cross-country skier Alex Harvey, hockey goalie Kim St. Pierre, bobsledder Helen Upperton, skeleton racer Jeff Pain and moguls skier Stephanie St. Pierre.

B2ten member. Among the other 16 winter athletes in the program are Olympic moguls champion Jennifer Heil, Olympic skeleton silver medalist Jeff Pain, Team Canada hockey goaltender Kim St. Pierre, long-track speed skater Christine Nesbitt and short-track speed skater Francois-Louis Tremblay. Upperton has been one of the major beneficiaries because of the equipment needs in her sport.

B2ten has invested more than \$100,000 in buying her a sled from the Monaco federation, several sets of steel

runners, plus support to help her adapt to the new sled. The help hasn't stopped there. Upperton said B2ten has provided mentoring, advice on team management and dealing with sports politics, access to top athletic trainers like Scott Livingston of the Montreal Canadiens, osteopaths, sports psychologists and a lot more.

The donors appear to be in it truly to help the athletes, getting nothing tangible in return but a tax receipt.

"There's no quid pro quo, it's not a marketing type thing, our name isn't on helmets or anything like that,"

said Barry Heck, a Calgary merchant banker who heads up the western investors.

But Heck said they share a feeling that Canada should be doing a lot better on the international stage but is hurt by abysmal resources.

He said they like the fact the organization is private, there's no politics and not a nickel is spent on administration because all the time is donated.

"The athletes are not making money doing it; quite the opposite," he said.

"The passion and dedication that they show, I tell you if that doesn't inspire you as a Canadian or a parent or an individual, I don't know what else can. It really

**"It really chokes you up. It does."**

Barry Heck

## DeAngelis could take his leg south next year

Don't be surprised if the CFL's top scorer is kicking around the NFL next season.

**Sandro DeAngelis**, who connected on five of five field-goal attempts to lead the Calgary Stampeders to the Grey Cup last Sunday, has attracted the interest of dozens of NFL scouts, many of whom attended the CFL's championship game in Montreal. DeAngelis, a 27-year-old native of Niagara Falls, Ont., scored 217 points to finish atop the CFL in the past season.

• In baseball, the Los Angeles Dodgers charged fans \$500 US each the other day to take batting practice alongside two of their players. The club collected \$125,000 — for itself, not as a

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fundraiser — from 250 fans who paid the \$500 fee in these difficult economic times to swing at a handful of lobs in the Dodgers' batting cage and pose for pictures with their catcher, Canadian **Russell Martin**, and outfielder **Andre Ethier**.

• The Dodgers, incidentally, are trying to re-sign free agent **Rafael Furcal**, whom the Blue Jays dearly covet for two roles — leadoff hitter

and shortstop. The Jays likely won't outbid the Dodgers, San Francisco Giants or Oakland A's ... if the A's successfully lure Furcal, they'll trade shortstop **Bobby Crosby** — and the Jays already have let Oakland know they're interested. The A's might be willing to pick up part of Crosby's \$5.25-million salary ... The Angels won't be re-signing **Mark Texeira** because the all-star first baseman is seeking a megazillion-dollar contract ... I reported here yesterday that **C.C. Sabathia** would sign a \$140-million deal with the Yankees before tomorrow, but the Angels have come in with a late attempt to match the New York offer for the pitcher ... The Jays, meanwhile, continue to pursue

slugger **Milton Bradley** but sources whisper their Plan B could be **Ken Griffey Jr.** ... After recently trading **Coco Crisp**, the Boston Red Sox have opened negotiations with outfielder **Rocco Baldelli**, formerly of the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays likely won't try to retain Baldelli because of his mitochondrial disorder, which often exhausts him during games.

## Here's to coaches

• Is there a coach in your community who deserves recognition? If so, check out **chunky.tsn.ca** to see how you can get them some. Four finalists will be chosen in March and prizes include cash.

## On the web

### B2ten

• For more information about the B2ten program that assists Canadian Olympians, visit **b2ten.com**.

chokes you up. It does."

B2ten happened by accident. It all started with Jenn Heil. Her coach and boyfriend Dominick Gauthier enlisted the help of Montreal businessman J.D. Miller in building a team of experts and financial backers around Heil that helped boost her to Olympic gold at the 2006 Turin Games. Heil lived with the Miller family for the four years leading to the Olympics. The more money Miller raised through his business connections across the country, the more athletes they added.

Claire Angus Caplan of Toronto and her husband, Mark Caplan, were among those recruited by Miller. They became so enamoured with the character of the women's bobsledders that they're now involved in filming a documentary of their Olympic journey. Angus Caplan believes it's the moral support as much as the financial that lifts the athletes.

"Financial is one thing, but I think it's also seeing that people actually give a crap. It really helps inspire them that someone does care."

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## SCOREBOARD

### QM/JHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS  
Saint John 5 **HALIFAX** 4 (SO)  
Victoriaville 5 Val-d'Or 4 (SO)

### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Shawinigan at Lewiston  
Moncton at P.E.I.  
Cape Breton at Gatineau

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

**HALIFAX** at Moncton  
Acadie-Bathurst at Lewiston  
Baie-Comeau at Quebec  
Saint John at Drummondville  
Victoriaville at Gatineau  
P.E.I. at Rimouski  
Cape Breton at Rouyn-Noranda  
Chicoutimi at Shawinigan  
Montreal at Val-d'Or

### NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS  
Atlanta 6 Toronto 3  
St. Louis 1 Nashville 0 (SO)  
Los Angeles at Calgary

### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Boston at Buffalo  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders  
Atlanta at Washington  
Philadelphia at Carolina  
Phoenix at Columbus  
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay  
New Jersey at Florida  
Montreal at Detroit  
Dallas at Minnesota  
St. Louis at Colorado  
Los Angeles at Edmonton  
Chicago at San Jose



**Gaudet exposed**

Bayside's Derek Gaudet has been left exposed by Toronto FC for Major League Soccer's expansion draft today. The Seattle Sounders can select one player from each team. Gaudet, a 19-year-old midfielder, appeared in 27 minutes in one game with Toronto last season, his first in the league. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Moose lose heartbreaker in shootout

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**The Halifax Mooseheads worked hard, lit the lamp on the power play, and more than deserved a two-point reward.**

In the end, they fell agonizingly short of their first back-to-back wins of the QMJHL season in a 5-4 shootout loss to the Saint John Sea Dogs last night at the Metro Centre. With 28 games under their belt and an 8-18-2 record, momentum continues to elude the rookie-laden club.

"It's haunting us right now," said Mooseheads captain Graham Bona, who barely left the ice in the third period. "I try not to worry about it too much ... It's going to come soon." The Mooseheads were well on



Saint John Sea Dogs forward Ryan Sparling tries to slip a backhand past Mooseheads defenceman Gabriel O'Connor and goalie Mathieu Corbeil during last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Sea Dogs defeated the Mooseheads in a shootout 5-4.

their way to victory early in the third period, when Yuri Cheremetiev scored his second power-play goal of the night at 2:41 for a 4-2 lead. But former Dartmouth Subways star Michael Kirkpatrick brought Saint John back into it at 4:17 and Sydney's Ryan Sparling netted the equalizer with 3:47 to go, setting the stage for the shootout winner from

Antigonish's Alex Grant. "It's probably the worst way to lose," Cheremetiev said. "We battled hard all game. It was an emotional game, everyone was hitting, there were lots of goals, but it's the worst way to lose when you know you should have won." The biggest bright spot for the Mooseheads was the power play, which has been downright awful at a 7-for-63

clip (11.1 per cent) in the past seven games. But they went a season-high 3-for-5 last night and the top unit was dangerous. "In practice last week, we felt really comfortable together and we were moving the puck well," said Bona, who had a goal and two assists. "It just carried over to the game." The Mooseheads beat the Sea Dogs 4-2 on Sunday and had

won two out of three head-to-head matchups. Kirkpatrick, the first star with two goals, two assists and two posts, said the win came down to work ethic.

"They've been working harder than us and we knew we had to work as hard as them to (win)," he said. "People say we're an easy team to play against, but we didn't show that tonight."

## Sports in brief

**HOCKEY** Four Halifax-area players have been named to Team Atlantic for the world under-17 hockey challenge. Ben Duffy and Kody Orr, both from Lower Sackville, Halifax's Bradley MacDonald and Cole Harbour's Stephen MacAulay are on the 22-man roster for the tournament, which is set for Dec. 26-Jan. 5 in Port Alberni, B.C.

**HOCKEY** John Brophy has been selected for induction into the East Coast Hockey League Hall of Fame in 2009. The 74-year-old Antigonish native is the ECHL's all-time head-coaching leader in games, wins and championships.

**QMJHL** Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Ben MacAskill was named his team's recipient of the QMJHL's scholastic player of the month award yesterday.

**AWARDS** Saint Mary's Huskies hockey centre Marc Rancourt was named AUS male athlete of the week yesterday. Dalhousie Tigers swimmer Kristen Vandenberg took the female honour.

**JUNIOR A HOCKEY** The Amherst Ramblers blasted the Halifax Lions 10-3 in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action last night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Game notes

- Rookie goalie Mathieu Corbeil steered aside 29 shots ... Mooseheads scoring leader Tomas Knotek collected three assists ... Gerrad Grant had Halifax's other goal.

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Until Feb. 1, 2009, an exhibit of 150 pictures by New York-based photographer Annie Leibovitz will be on display at the National Portrait Gallery. The pictures range from her most celebrated work to intensely private takes. See [npg.org.uk/annieleibovitz](http://npg.org.uk/annieleibovitz). **METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Travel

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## Yotel opens in Amsterdam

Yotel, the airport-based hotel that features "cabins" instead of rooms, has now opened at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport. All 57 cabins boast free Wifi, flat-screen televisions and waterfall-like showers. To celebrate the opening, "Yotellers" will be offered a free bottle of champagne if they make sure they plan a stay before the end of December 2008. For reservations, e-mail [customer@yotel.com](mailto:customer@yotel.com).

METRO WORLD NEWS

# An appetite for the Big Apple

Finding healthy places to eat is easy in this urban jungle

ANNE DIMON  
for Metro Canada



**New York City's gentrified Meatpacking District seems an unlikely place to find a go-to restaurant specializing in fish, seafood and veggies, but that's pretty much the culinary focus of Fig & Olive.**

Here, in this trendy, industrially chic neighbourhood, chef Pascal Lorange has the wants of the health-conscious diner covered. At Fig & Olive, [figandolive.com](http://figandolive.com), the Mediterranean-inspired menu in-

cludes things like Zucchini Carpaccio, Grilled Bell Peppers with Herbes de Provence, Cote d'Azur Bouillabaisse and Trio de la Mer. All dishes are prepared with olive oil instead of butter and cooked to maintain maximum nutrients. So forget the fried and deep fried, and expect grilling, poaching, baking and sautéing.

While healthy eating may mean different things to different people, the buzzwords today are farm-fresh, seasonal, naturally-raised, artisanal and low fat, and chefs at an increasing number of Big Apple restaurants (in all price ranges) are paying heed. Here are five other restaurants offering healthy food choices in New York City:

**Zen Palate:** In Hell's Kitchen,



The Pump Energy Food is billed as New York City's "physical-fitness restaurant."

Zen Palate has been dish-ing out to vegetarians since 1991. Zagat calls it "a meatless nirvana." Restaurant manager Chris Chang says his "Asian vegetarian fusion" cuisine uses more than 60 plants and flowers from culinary cultures around the world. They use a lot of meat substitution such as soy protein, and the Zen Burger is the vegetarian version of the Big Mac.

**The Pump Energy Food:** Billed as the "physical-fitness restaurant," The Pump En-

ergy Food, [thepumpenergyfood.com](http://thepumpenergyfood.com), has five outlets in various parts of the city.

The one on the West Side is tiny, basic and if you didn't know it was there, you could walk right by. But its meals are wholesome, tasty, and nicely prepared, and prices won't take a chunk out of the wallet.

Look for sandwiches on whole wheat bread, healthy shakes, vegetarian chili, grilled chicken over brown rice or steamed greens, plus lots of other high-protein foods. Low-

fat, low sodium is also key. They don't cook with butter, cream or mayo, and nothing is fried.

**Scarlatto Italian Restaurant:** Located in the heart of the Theatre District, the elegant and intimate Scarlatto offers an impressive variety of fish dishes including salmon, halibut, tuna, red snapper and sea bass prepared with healthier cooking techniques, including baking, searing, grilling and poaching. There are also about half-a-dozen different salads. Ex-

pect a rush from the pre-theatre crowd.

**Jamba Juice:** For a quick energy boost drop into any one of the city's 10 Jamba Juice locations, [jambajuice.com](http://jambajuice.com). The extensive menu of fast-food items includes freshly squeezed juices, protein shakes, yogurt and fruit blends, and whole wheat pockets stuffed with nutritious fixings. In the busy Times Square location, you can sit at one of a few tables and watch the crowds file by as you nibble on Omega 3 Cookies.

**Dove Tail:** The year-old Dove Tail, [dovetailnyc.com](http://dovetailnyc.com), with its innovative menu and fabulous food is already a hit in the Upper West Side neighbourhood. Chef John Fraser's travels throughout the French and Spanish countryside inspired the "sourcing locally" philosophy he embraces.

Save room for the Olive Oil Brownie — low in fat, made with anti-oxidant-rich dark chocolate and surprisingly yummy.

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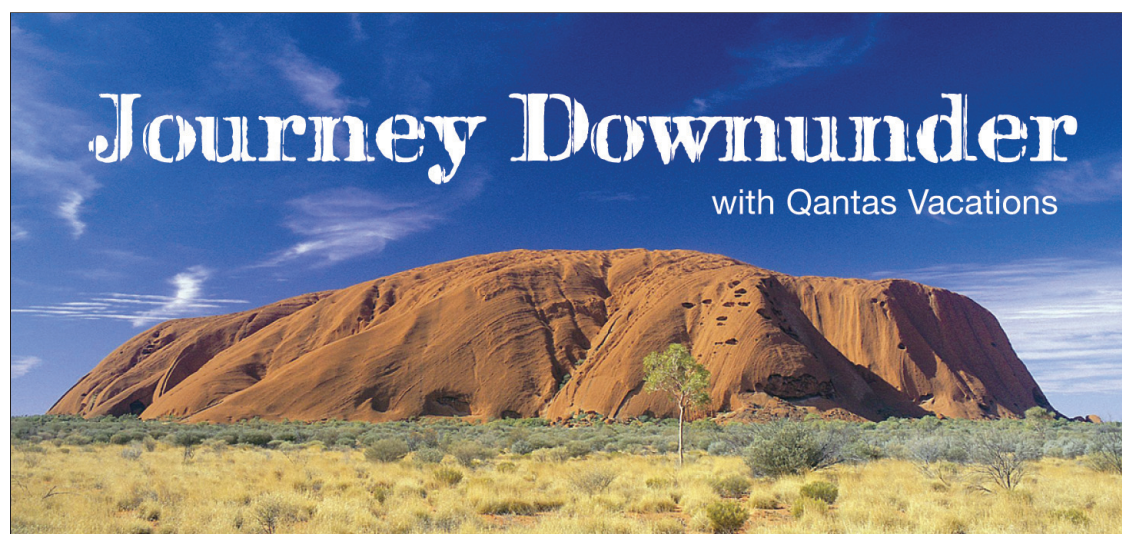
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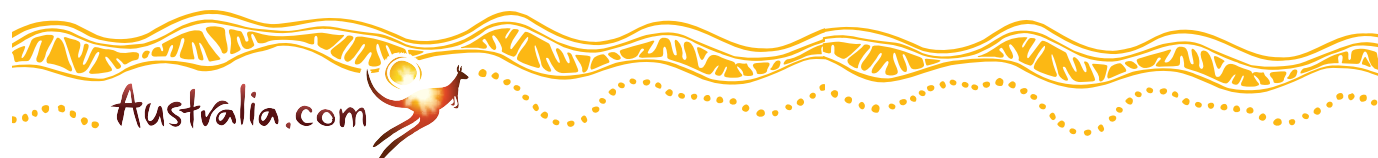
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In this lush telling, the landscape becomes its own character, inspiring viewers to reconnect with their spirit of romance and love of adventure in a way that only Australia can. Shot on location in Darwin, Sydney, the Kimberley region, and Bowen, a coastal town in Queensland, viewers get a sense of the dramatic and rugged landscape, stretches of sparsely populated wilderness, and cities of the day, like Sydney and Darwin.



### Bullo River Station

Thought to be the inspiration behind Faraway Downs, the homestead featured in the film, Bullo River Station is in the north west corner of the Northern Territory and home to around 900,000 cattle, a stunning variety of native Australian animals including wallabies and dingoes as well as thousands of migratory birds and massive Boab trees. For more info, visit [www.australiasoutback.com](http://www.australiasoutback.com)

### Kununurra

Fertility waters? Nicole Kidman caused quite a stir when she recently named a local waterfall just outside of Kununurra for helping her and other members of the crew in falling pregnant during shooting. Kununurra is an aboriginal word meaning "big water". For more information, visit [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com)



### The Kimberley

When cast and crew had a break from shooting in the majestic Kimberley region, they shopped for Argyle diamond and Paspaley Pearls as gifts for friends and family.

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Bowen, a sleepy coastal town in northern Queensland was transformed during shooting to become WWII Darwin. After filming, a "Thank you Bowen" concert was played featuring none other than Nicole Kidman's husband, Keith Urban. For more info, visit [www.destinationqueensland.com](http://www.destinationqueensland.com)



## Sydney

Hugh Jackman was born and grew up in Sydney and Nicole Kidman was raised here. Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin were also born in New South Wales, Catherine in Sydney and Baz in Herons Creek, a tiny rural settlement in the northern part of the state. For more information, visit [www.sydneyaustralia.com](http://www.sydneyaustralia.com)

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The adventure begins at Nilpena, a working cattle station on the edge of Lake Torrens, where participants meet the drovers and are provided with horses and equipment necessary for two days in the saddle. A degree of riding experience is required



along with a moderate level of fitness.

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## T-Bone Steak with Mushroom Butter Jacob's Creek® Reserve Shiraz - Serves 4

### 4 T-Bone Steaks

#### Mushroom Butter:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup Cremini mushrooms, diced
- 1 tablespoon dried Porcini mushrooms, soaked, rinsed and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Sauté Cremini mushrooms in 2 tablespoons of the butter until soft.

Add Porcini mushrooms along with garlic and sauté a further 1 to 2 minutes. Add the white wine, increase heat and simmer until almost all of the liquid has reduced. Add lemon juice, reduce once again, turn off heat and fold through herbs with mustard, salt and pepper. Allow mixture to cool down to room temperature.

In a food processor, process remaining butter until light and creamy. Add cooled mushroom mixture and pulse so as to keep the mixture rough in texture.

To make your butter log, lay a large piece of foil on a flat surface. Place butter in the centre of the foil in a long line (about 30 cm), leaving a few centimetres of foil at either end. Fold foil

over lengthwise to roll butter into a log, twist ends and refrigerate until firm.

### to serve:

Grill or BBQ steaks until done. Slice four 1-cm discs of butter from log and place each onto a steak. Butter discs should melt over steaks as they are being brought to the table. You can always store remaining butter in the freezer for future use.

Serve with a blue cheese salad, baked potatoes and Jacob's Creek® Reserve Shiraz.

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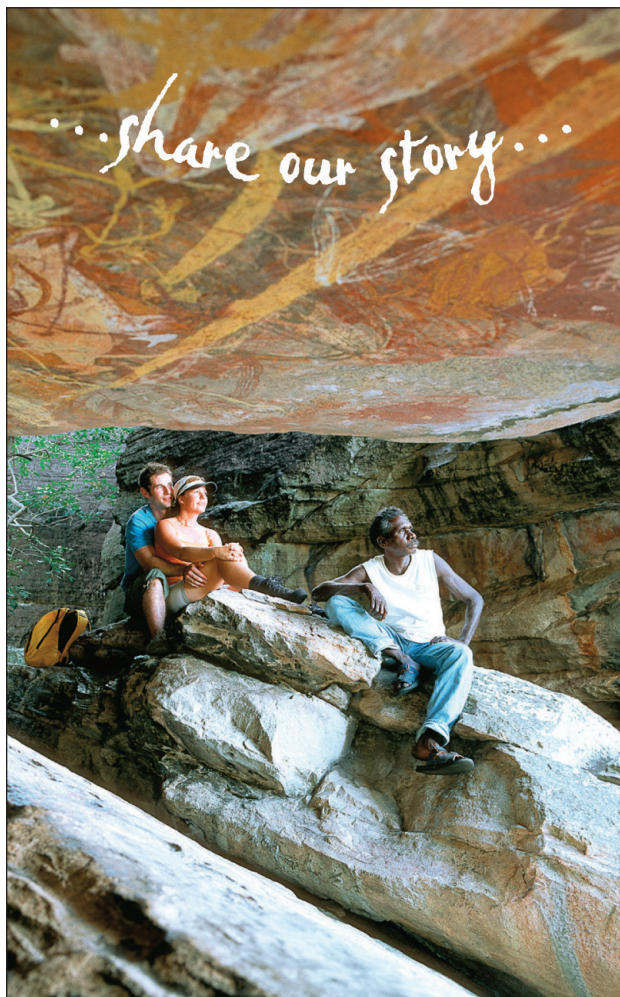
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# Automotive

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## New Corolla shows class

Toyota engineers continue to improve global mega-seller

Many people are passionate about the Toyota Corolla, according to Corolla chief engineer Shinichi Yasui. He says the original engineering maxims that shaped the Corolla back in the mid-1960s are still followed today. And becoming a member of the Corolla engineering group is one of the most prestigious appointments in the company.

They've sold 33 million since its inception, after all. The newest one started with a new development program that sought to combine the best-in-class aspects from each region in the world into a single car. For instance, during final development the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada (TMMC) team initiated a few changes — including increasing the distance between the accelerator and brake pedals to accommodate a man's winter boot, increasing the size of storage pockets to fit larger-sized North American electronics, and made the cup-holders big enough for an extra-large double-double.

Oh, and the door pockets were re-shaped to fit an ice scraper — photos and samples were sent to Japanese engineers not familiar with

our quintessential winter tool. A few other highlights include dual glove boxes, a purse hook, audio systems with auxiliary input jack on all models, and standard air conditioning. The engineers also added an electric positive temperature coefficient heater system that accelerates the initial warmup of the cabin when the engine is cold.

That's just the inside.

On the outside, the Corolla was restyled to appear more dynamic and up-



**The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.**

scale. The new Corolla looks leagues better than the old one — but still looks just like a Camry was distilled into a smaller form factor. The new Corolla is actually 60 mm (2.4 in) wider, 10 mm (0.4-in) longer, and a full 15 mm (0.6 inches) lower than the outgoing model. The new proportions lend the car to better road presence, stability and cabin room.

The car also benefits immensely from the use of ultra high-grade steel reinforcements, plus what Toyota calls their "Global Body Line," an advanced automated assembly system used for Lexus vehicles.

The old Corolla used 40 initial body welds, whereas the new car has more than 130. This helps build body rigidity and quality control from the outset.

The new base 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine produces 132

horsepower at 6,000 rpm, and 128 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. The power is linear and useable for highway merging, while the torque has been tuned to aid in-town puttering. It's standard fare for CE, LE, and S models — with either a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Returning to the lineup is the XRS model, with a torquey 2.4L 4-cylinder that's a league apart from the original, high-revving XRS featuring the Celica's high-performance motor.

The XRS also gets a few other improvements, like a front strut brace, four-wheel disc brakes, 17-in alloy wheels and vehicle stability control.

Standard Corollas do with rear drum brakes, but ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution and Brake Assist are standard.

The range starts with the

### 2009 Toyota Corolla

**Type:** Compact car  
**Price:** \$14,850  
**Engine:** I4, DOHC, 1.8L / I4, DOHC, 2.4L  
**HP:** 126-158

#### Highlights

- Larger
- Feels mid-size
- Quieter

well-equipped CE, complete with roll-up windows. Otherwise, it's about all the car you'd ever need. Next up, the LE model is very well equipped, and even features automatic climate control and a smart key system — both features normally found on luxury cars.

Above the LE is the S, featuring a few sporty touches ala the outgoing model, like a sporty body kit and rear spoiler. Fully loaded, the XRS completes the lineup.

The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.

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## Ford, Volvo cars lead safety list

**WINNERS** Seventy-two vehicles have earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick award for 2009. This is more than double the number of 2008 recipients and more than three times the number of 2007 winners. Top Safety Pick recognizes vehicles that do the best job of protecting people in front, side and rear crashes based on good ratings in Institute tests. Winners also have to have electronic stability control (ESC), which research shows significantly reduces crash risk.

For the first time, winners represent every class of vehicle the Institute tests except microcars. Most car, minivan and SUV models, midsize convertibles and small and large pickups are eligible. Ford and its subsidiary Volvo have 16 winners, including the Ford F-150 large pickup. Thirteen winners are from Honda and its Acura division. The Honda Fit with optional ESC is the first minicar to earn Top Safety Pick.

Honda, Acura, and Subaru, which picked up four awards, are standouts for 2009 because they have at least one Top Safety Pick in every vehicle class in which they compete.

"Consumers are the biggest winners," says Institute president Adrian Lund. "No matter what kind of vehicle buyers may be considering, now they can walk into just about any dealership and find one that affords the best overall protection in serious crashes."

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Inside, the new Toyota Corolla features several improvements, including bigger storage pockets and cup-holders, dual glove boxes and a more efficient heating system.



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Volkswagen has launched a full, seven-seat 2009 Routan minivan that will be offered in four trim levels. Styling cues take much from current VW products like the Tiguan-esque front treatment.

# Routan has room for all

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada



**According to Volkswagen Canada president and CEO John White, there still is, and will remain, a market for a vehicle that seats seven in comfort. So Volkswagen is launching a seven-seat minivan called the Routan.**

Volkswagen Canada's po-

sition is that it's interested primarily in Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna buyers as they see an opportunity to attract import-minded consumers. With the cachet of being the only German maker in the mix, they feel they have a whole new market to plumb.

The Routan is being built in Windsor on the same line and using the same platform as the Chrysler Town &

Country and the Dodge Grand Caravan. Also, partnering with Chrysler means coming to market a lot sooner than trying to develop one in-house, not to mention being much cheaper.

Volkswagen plans to sell 5,500 units a year which would take them well over the 40,000-sales target in Canada.

Essentially, the Routan has crisp styling with the nose drawing heavily from the Tiguan compact crossover. The seats were made firmer as well as the suspension, in other words, more like a Volkswagen.

There are several minor changes, but what you see is what you get, which is essentially a Chrysler Town & Country, which is not a bad thing.

While the Americans get a choice of three engines, the Canadian Routan comes only with a Chrysler-sourced 4.0-litre, SOHC V6 putting out the same 251 hp and 259 lb/ft of torque as the T&C.

In front-drive (all-wheel-drive not available) power goes through a six-speed electronic automatic transmission with sequential shift mode. Fuel consumption is listed at 12.2L/100 km city and 7.9L/100 km highway.

The forward view is commanding and, thankfully, the materials used on the dashboard did not cause a reflection on the huge windshield which is a major failing in many minivans of my experience including the one I currently own.

The 4.0-litre has a lot of poke and the six-speeds mesh so nicely that there is always the right amount of power for conditions.

Canada will get four trim levels: the base Trendline starting at \$27,975; the Comfortline starting at \$33,975; the Highline starting at \$39,975 and the Execline (as tested here) starting at \$49,975.

Each model has a large number of standard and optional features. Probably the

## 2009 VW Routan

**Type:** Minivan  
**Price:** \$27,975-\$49,975  
**Engine:** 4.0-litre SOHC V6  
**HP:** 251

### Highlights

- Seats seven
- Front-wheel drive
- Plenty of power

best way to get a deeper look is to go to [www.vw.ca](http://www.vw.ca) and build one for yourself.

While this is classified as a "small" minivan, it is anything but and will fill any standard-size garage. But when it comes to picking a seat, there won't be any quibbling because there is room for all in the Routan.

With all three rows of seats up, there is 930 litres of cargo space behind the third row. Fold the third row seat beneath the cargo floor and there is 2,400 litres.

The third row, by the way, has three positions including tipping it over backwards to have a tailgate party seating. The second row seats either fold or can be taken out completely for even more cargo space.

Standard features in the all-new 2009 Routan include three-zone climate control, CD player with six speakers, dual sliding side doors, front and side curtain airbags, Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), and Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP).



The interior, along with the suspension, was modified to give a more European feel and flair.

## Hyundai ready for diesel power

**PLANT** Hyundai has unveiled details of its newest diesel power plant, the R-Engine.

Available in two sizes, 2.0- and 2.2-litre, the new engines can comfortably beat the power outputs of all comparable German and French competitors with outputs of 184 hp, more than most rivals' V6s.

The R-Engine benefits from the third generation common rail system with

piezo-electric injectors to deliver fuel at 1800-bar for an unprecedented degree of accuracy and control.

More than 500 prototype engines were built during the 42 month-long development period which encompassed a wide variety of performance and emissions tests.

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Subaru is one of the first to offer a Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle (PZEV) version of its Legacy sedan and wagon.

## Making sense of emissions

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada

**"You better hurry up or you'll miss the emissions presentation."**

I don't know about you, but I normally would run in the opposite direction of something like that as if my hair was on fire. I learned my lesson years ago when I sat (dozed) through, no kidding, a talk on the challenges of the curing process of automotive adhesives.

But the guy telling me to hurry was Mercedes-Benz' Andrew May, of the global communications department of Mercedes-Benz Cars and someone I've learned to heed when he talks.

Leading the discussion was Bill Craven, general manager regulatory affairs, Daimler AG. He's a kind of William Bendix (for those who may remember) looking guy who is able to mix a lot of humour in with facts for a kind of Emissions for Dummies.

Right off the top, his two main points about cars and emissions is we need one set of regulations worldwide and clean gasoline with low sulphur content just like the new low sulphur diesel we now have at the pumps in Canada.

Before talking about that, it's prudent to look at who pollutes.

Looking at just CO<sub>2</sub>, transportation makes up 22 per cent of the world's greenhouse gases. Industry accounts for 31 per cent and electricity production is a full 36 per cent. With China bringing on a new fossil fuel-fired electricity plant every eight months, here is a problem on a global scale bigger than just cars.

But let's get back to motor vehicles and Craven's contention that one set of rules would drastically speed up the advent of greener cars and at less cost.

Currently, the U.S. has one set of environmental regulations, Europe another and Japan yet another.

What this means is there are no average profiles with real life fuel consumption numbers because most testing is done in labs on rolling roads.

"The priority here is the achievement of clear guidelines. Unambiguous rules of the game are always the basic requirement necessary in order to function in a targeted and efficient manner," Craven said.

The good news is that we all know the manufacturers are working all out on greener cars and trucks, and governments have started to listen seriously to the carmakers as well as the public.

One approach is the ZEV mandate in California. In order to sell cars in that state, it obliges manufacturers to offer zero local-emissions vehicles making up 16 per cent of all the cars in their fleet by 2009.

ZEVs are defined as vehicles that have no vehicle exhaust emissions whatsoever, such as battery and fuel cell vehicles.

Manufacturers may opt to offset a certain proportion of the ZEV quota.

This can be done through so-called Partial Zero Emissions Vehicles (PZEV), which have to fulfill the SULEV standards and the so-called zero-evaporation regulations.

At the same time, a proportion of the ZEV quota may be offset through Advanced Technology PZEV vehicles. These are PZEV vehicles that are equipped with at least certain technology features.

Does that solve the problem?

The answer is no but at least those who make the cars and those who legislate them are talking about making it a greener world for you and me.

**"The priority here is the achievement of clear guidelines."**

Daimler AG's Bill Craven on emission standards for cars



Frank Langella had to fight to play former U.S. president Richard Nixon in new movie *Frost/Nixon*, because studio bosses wanted to give the role to screen legend Warren Beatty. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

# Entertainment

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## All smiles

Actor Robert Pattinson was reportedly forced to fix his teeth before filming *Twilight*, because producers wanted him to have an alluring smile. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

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## Walters set to interview Obamas

**POLITICS** The Barack Obama media tour is making another stop — and at another high-profile place.

A week after the president-elect and first lady-elect Michelle Obama spoke to 60 Minutes, they're sitting down for an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters. It'll air as a one-hour special tonight. ABC said the interview would touch on the transition, the economy, foreign policy and how the family is dealing with all the changes.

## Frank subject of new film projects

**MOVIES** Anne Frank is the subject of two film projects that are being developed.

Jacqueline van Maarsen's book *My Name Is Anne, She Said*, Anne Frank will be made into a film as a joint production of SamFilm and CTM Films BV. Italian International Films is producing *Memories of Anne Frank*, an adaptation of Alison Leslie Gold's book *Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend*.

## Network close to renewing Model

**TV** It looks like America's Next Top Model will be back on the catwalk next season.

The CW is close to renewing the Tyra Banks-hosted reality competition series for a 13th cycle to air in fall 2009.

The news comes on the heels of the CW inking a deal with Warner Bros. Domestic TV Distribution to air Banks' daytime talk show, *The Tyra Banks Show*, as an afternoon strip starting next fall. **REUTERS**

# Australia long, but worth it

## Australia

**Director:** Baz Luhrmann

**Stars:** Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman

**Class:** STC

**Rating:** ●●●●

**STEVE GOW**  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** There's a lot riding on Australia. For starters, at \$130 million dollars, it's the most expensive Aussie film ever made. And while a rather overblown budget is cause enough to concern director Baz Luhrmann (*Moulin Rouge*), tourism officials are hoping the film will renew their industry as well.

Luhrmann shouldn't worry so much about that. If nothing else, Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has “a strange power.” What



While its length may leave you numb, Australia's passion redeems its bulkiness.

Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess.

Set during the outbreak of World War II, Australia features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, widow of a

mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner. When confronted by her husband's rival with a takeover bid, Ashley hires a maverick stockman (Hugh Jackman) and joins him on a massive cattle

drive across the outback.

While the movie's not short on romance or adventure (including a suspense-filled cattle stampede), this flick really stands apart from its contemporaries through

Luhrmann's careful study of Australia's heritage.

Led by 13-year-old newcomer Brandon Walters, Australia sheds light on the Stolen Generations — Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and placed in missions.

Walters is truly the backbone of this movie playing Nullah, a mixed-race child who becomes the surrogate son of Ashley. Not only does he provide the film with a stirring breakout performance, but some much-needed cultural depth as well.

While sitting for the film's 165-minute length may leave you numb down under, Australia's passion redeems its bulkiness; regardless of its strenuous story, this is still a crusade worth catching.



Visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies) for screen times and to see the trailers for Australia, Four Christmases and Transporter 3.

# Third film in Statham's Transporter series flat out rocks

## Transporter 3

**Director:** Olivier Megaton

**Stars:** Jason Statham

**Class:** 14A

**Rating:** ●●●½

**CHRIS ALEXANDER**  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Virtually gone are the days of the vintage Eurotrash flick: those slick late-'60s French/Italian exports that mined popular American genre trappings while grafting their own

highly stylized, haute couture informed sensibilities on top.

From the sexually charged sci-fi hijinks of *Barbarella* to the kinky comic book thrills of *Danger: Diabolik*, these quintessentially European art/junk pictures bent rules and existed only to thrill.

Which is why the flawed but fun Luc Besson produced *Transporter* films are so endearing; their single brained intent is to bombard audiences with eyeball spinning action,

beautifully dressed — and undressed — women, sexy cars and exotic locales while blaring pulsing techno music.

The latest entry in the lucrative but critically maligned franchise, simply called *Transporter 3*, and once more pits an iron jawed, black belt-sporting mercenary driver Frank Martin against a cabal of greasy, well-tailored international baddies.

And while the film boasts the same clunky narrative problems and distractingly dubbed Euro-

pean actors as the first two installments, I'm happy to report that the breathlessly paced *Transporter* makes amends by delivering some of the most delirious action set pieces of this or any other year.

Here, Frank finds himself driving a mysterious package and a strung-out Ukrainian party girl across Eastern Europe against his will. In a kinky plot device, Frank's fate is literally tied to his beloved Audi.

See, his villainous employers have affixed an explosive device to his wrist,

ensuring that if he goes 50-feet from the machine, he'll be blown to smithereens. When Frank curls his lip at this, many car-crunching chases and bone breaking martial arts battles follow — much of Statham's fighting is shirtless.

Fuelled by a wildly unhinged sensibility and with tongue lodged firmly in cheek, *Transporter 3* flat out rocks and is a dynamite, retro-pulp entertainment that should please the legion of James Bond fans who were left cold by *Quantum of Solace*.

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# A happy holiday diversion

## Four Christmases

**Director:** Seth Gordon  
**Stars:** Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**PHIL BROWN**  
 for Metro Canada



With the Halloween horror season behind us, it's time for Hollywood to start trudging out their odes to the most commercial of all holidays.

Four Christmases is the first release to hit screens and while it has plenty of the Yuletide carols and goopy sentimentality that we expect this time of year, the concept is just subversive enough to make it worth seeing.

Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during Christmas and understandably so, considering that they both come from highly eccentric divorced families (that's four dysfunctional visits per year).

After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, Vaughn and Witherspoon embark on their dreaded Four Christmases.



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The movie is episodic by design and is predictably inconsistent depending on which family the couple are visiting. But with a stacked cast that includes such names as Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Mary Steenburgen, and Jon Favreau, the hits are more plentiful than the misses.

The film marks the fictional directorial debut of Seth Gordon, who's hilar-

ious documentary The King Of Kong was probably the most underappreciated gem of 2007.

Gordon has a gift for character comedy that shows in this film, it's just too bad that the rushed production didn't give him a chance to iron out all of the problems with the script. For a holiday movie that starts out refreshingly subversive and anti-family, the film nosedives into sentimentality in the closing

scenes and ends on a very predictable and unsatisfying note.

However, with comedy leads as strong as Vaughn and Witherspoon along with a talented supporting cast, the movie offers plenty of laughs before limping to the finish line. With a little more work this could have been an anti-Christmas classic like The Ref.

Instead it's little more than a pleasant holiday diversion.

# Silverman braves stormy TV seas

## IntelleVision

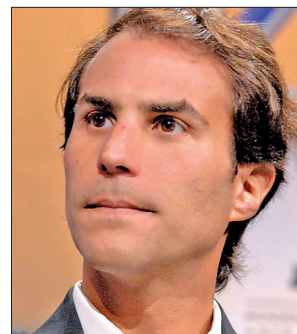
**Rick McGinnis**

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**FAILING YOUR WAY TO THE TOP:** One day, there will be a really fantastic glossy magazine article or white-knuckled business book on the career of Ben Silverman and his tenure at NBC. The network, like the rest of the big four, is having a bad year, and after going AWOL for almost a month at the Beijing Olympics while the network suffered painful birthing pangs on their new season, it was expected that that Silverman would be a convenient fall guy if things turned out poorly.

Silverman's time as co-head of NBC Entertainment has been anything but smooth: Screenwriters went on strike six months after he signed his two-year contract with the company, and it's been all damage control since then. Hollywood, like a medieval village or an isolated Amazon tribe, is a superstitious place, and after a run as poor as this you'd expect that Silverman would be on his way to sacrifice at the altar of the fire god, but as has been pointed out too many times before, putting "show" and "business" together means that laws of physics and basic math are suspended.

Silverman, a Hollywood character of legendary arrogance and abrasive style, has burned bridges and ruffled feathers by blowing off meetings and spouting baffle-gab at the slightest provocation, but he's apparently a master of the deal, and has actually saved the network money while its shows and ratings have continued to



Ben Silverman.

tank.

"I could not be more pleased with the job that he's done," NBC CEO Jeff Zucker told the Los Angeles Times. "He's done everything that we've asked of him." Everything includes co-production deals that have slimmed down production costs, and lucrative advertising plugs built into shows like Knight Rider.

Silverman's own projects — the recently cancelled My Own Worst Enemy, and struggling titles like Crusoe and Lipstick Jungle — have fared badly, and NBC remains in last place among the four networks, but Hollywood insiders continue to confirm gobsmacked rumours that his contract will be renewed by the start of the summer, and Katherine Pope, the Universal Media Studio head who oversaw two of the three shows as well as Bionic Woman, will be the scapegoat.

"They call her the black widow," an unnamed source "growled" to the New York Post. "Every program she touches turns to death." Every show except, of course, Heroes, for which Pope was an original producer before being offered the job at Universal. Her contract is also up in June, and it looks like she's already being measured for her pine box.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## In brief

**EMMYS** British programming dominated the International Emmys on Monday, while Argentina and Jordan marked their first Emmy victories. Argentina took home one of the 36th annual awards' top prizes, for best TV movies or mini-series, for Television Por La Identidad, which tells of the country's "disappeared" pregnant women from 1976 to 1983, and their subsequent search for their children.

REUTERS

## GlobalStyle

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## Symphony N.S. gets into the holiday spirit

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**SYMPHONY** If you're looking to get into the Christmas spirit early this year, the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium is a good place to be this weekend.

Symphony Nova Scotia is presenting A Howard Cable Christmas on Sunday at 2 p.m. featuring many popular festive tunes performed with full orchestra, brass and the eighty-voice Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus.

"It's a real blowout of seasonal songs at the end of November instead of the 15th of December," said Cable, the show's guest conductor. "By the time you hit the 15th of December, everybody is sick of Christmas music. Get them early. That's our idea."

A guest performer with SNS for the last 23 years, Cable still appears frequently with Canadian orchestras, although at 87 he's slowed things down somewhat.

Cable has been a leading figure in the musical life of Canada for six-plus decades. In 1941 he succeeded Percy Faith on CBC Radio and later became music director and arranger for many of CBC-TV's programs.

"Most conductors live to 90. I'm trying to get to 90," Cable said yesterday from his Toronto home. "Why stop if you're enjoying it — and I really enjoy it."

Sunday's show will feature many of the popular Christmas carols and pop songs, including Let It Snow, Silver Bells and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

Tickets range in price from \$32 to \$47.50 and are available by phone at 494-3820 or online through symphonynova.scotia.ca.



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# Roberts trying to make sense of it all

## Fatherhood has Juno winner re-evaluating how he views rock 'n' roll

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**At one time, Sam Roberts would have shivered at the use of the word "profession" to describe his work as a rock 'n' roller.**

But the days priorities have changed for the Juno Award-winning artist, who now takes the stage for his love of rock music, but also as a means to support his family.

"I'm definitely wrapped up in this transition at the moment — trying to make it all make sense," the Montreal singer-songwriter said yesterday when joyfully talking about his 22-month-old daughter Miriam.

"I definitely now have a hard time leaving the door when I go on tour.

"But at the same time, being a father has given me a sense of purpose. It's more than just being out here playing music, if that's not enough. You're out here and this is how you're going to support

**"To take Madonna down on the (album) charts was a life-long ambition of mine on a personal level."**

Sam Roberts

your family, so make it count and make it last."

Roberts and his four-member band have certainly made it count with their latest album, Love At The End Of The World.

Released last May, the record debuted at No. 1 on the Canadian album charts, a first for Roberts, and has led to several hit singles, including Them Kids.

"To take Madonna down on the (album) charts was a life-long ambition of mine on a personal level," Roberts joked in the midst of fighting through a snow storm in Quebec City yesterday. "You have to have goals. You have to set them up and strive for them. And you never let



The Sam Roberts Band is among the groups performing at the Cunard Centre on Friday night.

up until you do it. That was one of them, so I struck that off the list."

Roberts and his band will be in Halifax on Friday for the sold-out Q104 Quarter Century Concert at the Cunard Centre. Roberts is one of four acts performing at the 8 p.m. show, with the others be-

ing April Wine, 54-40 and Matt Mays and El Torpedo.

"We played the Cunard Centre a couple of years back and it was a fantastic show," the 34-year-old said. "We're looking forward to a repeat there."

And something else for Roberts in Halifax will be

the likelihood of a good nights sleep — something not always possible with a toddler in the house.

"Going on tour is some ways is like a health spa right now," Roberts said laughing. "But I don't tell my wife that too much because she gets angry about it."

## critics' corner

**Rosie Live**  
Remember Carol Burnett? Sonny & Cher? Glen Campbell? Jim Nabors? Former talk show host Rosie O'Donnell attempts to bring back the good old days of the variety show with this new special. She'll do an opening monologue, perform in sketches, introduce musical acts and give out prizes to members of the studio audience. 9 PM on NBC



**Little Mosque on the Prairie**  
Bet you didn't think you'd ever see "Mercy" in the same sentence with the words "hot spot." But it turns out Fatima's (Arlene Duncan) diner is one — a wi-fi hot spot, that is. Suddenly she's overrun with laptop-laden customers eager to tap into the signal. But despite all the potential for big earnings, she soon discovers running an Internet cafe isn't all it's cracked up to be. Carlo Rota also stars in the new episode "Mercy Dot Com." 8 PM on CBC

**Sophie**  
It may not be a surprise party, but the birthday bash that Judith (Mimi Kuzyk) throws for little Robbie does come with some surprises — mainly some guests whom nobody was expecting. Speaking of surprises, Rick (Sebastian Spence) gets a very pleasant one when the client of his dreams signs on with him. Natalie Brown and Chantelle Chung also star in the new episode "Who's Your Daddy." 8:30 PM on CBC

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My Chemical Romance singer Gerard Way and his wife Lindsey Ballato are expecting a baby due early next summer, his rep confirms to People. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Leo fights to keep privacy



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**PEOPLE** Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has vowed to boycott the paparazzi, dubbing them “disrespectful and dangerous,” [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

DiCaprio admits he’s been fighting to stay away from the limelight since turning into a major Hollywood star, and he’s keen to keep his name out of the press.

“Actually, I’m not in the tabloids anymore. I am sometimes, but I’ve watched the culture change. I’m old hat. And I love it.”

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You know what it is with me? This is something I’d like to clarify. I’ve heard people say, ‘Because you hide, it makes you seem ungrateful,’ he says. “The mere fact that these — I’ll use the word piles — are earning money from exploiting my image is the only reason I hide myself or am not a photo-friendly person. I do not like the way they conduct themselves. I think they’re disrespectful and dangerous. The reason I don’t pose or smile or that I seem mad is that I don’t want them to make a living off my private life.”

# Cruise’s family plans

**CHILDREN** Tom Cruise is keen to expand his family with Katie Holmes, but is waiting until his wife finishes her current stint on Broadway before trying for another baby, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Holmes is starring in a new adaptation of Arthur Miller’s *All My Sons* and will be based in New York until the end of her run, which is expected to finish early next year.



Cruise admits the couple, who already have two-year-old daughter Suri, are keen for another baby, but they have to wait until Holmes returns to the family home in California.

“We have already heard she’s pregnant but it’s not true. But yes, we will have more children. I’m saying this, but Kate’s not here! She’s working and we’re enjoying this time right now. It’s very precious, we don’t get this time back,” Cruise says.

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# Simpson wrote in diary to heal

**WELL-BEING** Jessica Simpson put pen to paper to cure her of the heartbreak following her split from husband Nick Lachey, because writing in her diary was “therapeutic” for the star, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The singer, who divorced Lachey in 2002 after three years of marriage, found it helpful to keep a journal of her thoughts and feelings.

Simpson later used the emotional entries as inspiration for her music.

“It (writing in a diary) is very, very therapeutic,” she says. “There is a lot about heartbreak, there is a lot about perseverance. I used it as inspiration for my album.”

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# Dating authors offer Aniston advice

**RELATIONSHIPS** Jennifer Aniston has been offered dating advice by the authors of *The Rules*, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

Sherrie Schneider, who co-wrote the dating manual with Ellen Fein, says the former *Friends* actress should not have spoken publicly about her summer breakup from John Mayer, and should also keep quiet about her ex-husband Brad Pitt’s relationship with Angelina Jolie.

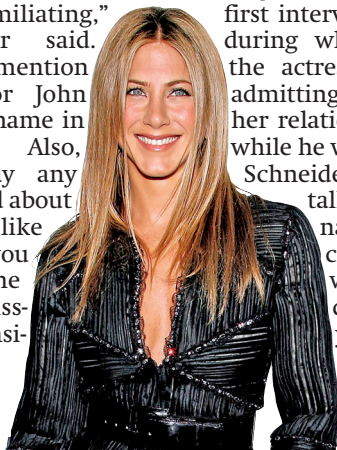
“Breaking up is never

easy, but it doesn’t have to be humiliating,” Schneider said. “Never mention Brad’s or John Mayer’s name in public. Also, don’t say anything bad about Brad, like when you said he was missing a sensitivity chip.”

Refer-

ring to Aniston’s recent first interview about Jolie, during which she called the actress “uncool” for admitting she had started her relationship with Pitt while he was still married, Schneider added: “Never talk about Angelina or call her ‘uncool,’ even if she was uncool. She does not exist in your world.”

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# Brandy devastated by car crash

**TRAGEDY** Brandy says she was so devastated by her high-speed car crash that killed another woman motorist in Los Angeles two years ago, “there was a point when I didn’t feel like it was OK to live on — because someone else lost their life,” [PageSix.com](http://PageSix.com) reports.

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# Paris booted at birthday party

**PEOPLE** Paris Hilton received a chilly reception at an event in Los Angeles.

The hotel heiress was set to introduce the Pussycat Dolls at a birthday party for designer Christian Audigier’s daughter, Crystal, but when Audigier asked the crowd if they wanted to see Paris, they broke out in a chorus of boos. According to a source at the party, “The entire room —

which had just cheered when they thought Britney Spears was coming —

booed loudly. Paris was practically in tears and left without taking the stage.”

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# No motherhood for Carrie

**CAREER** Sarah Jessica Parker has promised fans her character Carrie Bradshaw will not become a mother in the *Sex And The City: The Movie* sequel, because it would go against the character’s beliefs, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

“It doesn’t seem as if that’s going to be a choice she’ll make,” she says. “I don’t know. Michael (Patrick King, director) and I never talk about it. That doesn’t mean that won’t be part of the story. We just haven’t figured it out. It feels a little bit manipulative to toss that into the mix, because she

seems so pointed in a different direction.”

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# Butler may not be charged for fight

**LEGAL** Actor Gerard Butler has been given the chance to resolve his recent fight with a paparazzo without facing criminal charges, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Butler stands accused of beating up a photographer who followed him as he left a Los Angeles bar last month.

The snapper was reportedly treated in hospital for the injuries he suffered. According to [TMZ.com](http://TMZ.com), Butler, who has yet to discuss the allegations, has been ordered to attend an informal hearing at the city attorney’s office.

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# Winehouse is sent to hospital

**HEALTH** Singer Amy Winehouse was admitted to a private London hospital on Sunday, her rep tells CNN.

Chris Goodman told the news outlet that medication Winehouse was taking made her ill, and doctors admitted her to the clinic for investigation, [People.com](http://People.com) reports.

Winehouse previously checked into a London hospital in July after suffering a bad reaction to her medication. But Goodman did not disclose which medications were involved in either case.

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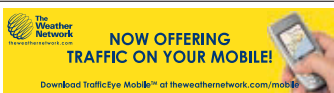
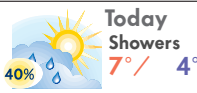


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Take Five

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Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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1								2
	6		4		7		3	

Crossword across

- 1 Do sums  
4 Apprehend  
8 Film segment  
12 Anger  
13 Medley  
14 Similar to  
15 Brooks or Torme  
16 Chair protector  
18 Filch  
20 Corrode  
21 Open somewhat  
24 Tibet's capital  
28 One with lots of four-legged friends?  
32 Satan's specialty  
33 Submachine gun  
34 Jazz style
- 36 A Gershwin  
37 Raised  
39 Pirate  
41 Comic Silverman  
43 Cornfield trespasser  
44 Scratch  
46 Tangle  
50 Read quickly  
55 Dinner for Dobbin  
56 Staffer  
57 "David Copperfield" character  
58 Swelled head  
59 Banana castoff  
60 Took to the pool  
61 Chaps

Crossword down

- 1 Intentions  
2 Bob's "The Price Is Right" successor  
3 Sandwich shop  
4 Rhinoplasty  
5 The whole enchilada  
6 Mid-afternoon hour on a sundial  
7 Easy bounding gait  
8 Dress  
9 Tyler or Ullmann  
10 White House nickname  
11 Apiece  
17 Western st.  
19 Crony  
22 Birds, to Brutus  
23 Violin's ancestor  
25 Tel —  
26 Paddock papa
- 27 Winged  
28 Taverns  
29 Pound of poetry  
30 Wedding cake feature  
31 Bellow  
35 Telecast  
38 Maiden  
40 Possess  
42 Possesses  
45 Fishing gear  
47 Attention getter  
48 Storm  
49 French city  
50 Space  
51 Falsehood  
52 Praise in verse  
53 Solemn promise  
54 Historic time

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	3	7	6	1	4	9	5	8
6	8	4	9	5	7	1	2	3
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3	4	9	8	7	5	2	6	1
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F	O	R		H	O	L	E		M	A	K	E

<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min .....	Smart
Under 13 min .....	Genius	
13-17 min .....	Scholar	
	21-25 min .....	Not bad
	25+ min .....	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Beef Stroganoff

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large red onion
- 1/2 lb (230g) small chestnut mushrooms
- 1 1/4 lb (560g) beef fillet
- 2 tsp (10 mL) fresh green peppercorns in brine
- Salt
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 1/4 cup (300 mL) sour cream
- 8 small drained cocktail gherkins
- A small bunch of chives

METHOD:

- Heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil in a large frying pan. Halve, peel, and thinly slice onion, then fry over a moderate heat until slightly softened, about 2 or 3 minutes.
- Meanwhile, clean and halve mushrooms and add to the pan. Increase heat and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes, until softened and most liquid has evaporated.
- While mushrooms are cooking, slice beef fillet very thinly, then cut across the grain into thin strips.
- When mushrooms are

cooked, put into a large bowl with onion and set aside.

- Add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil to the pan and increase heat to high. Add half of beef and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes, or until very lightly browned, then remove. Heat remaining oil and cook rest of beef the same way.
- Return onion, mushrooms and first batch of beef with juices to the frying pan. Crush green peppercorns, add to the pan with some salt, and heat through for 1-2 minutes.
- Blend mustard and sour cream together and stir into beef, with gherkins. Heat through gently, without boiling. Trim, rinse, and dry chives, snip over top and serve.

SERVES 4

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
A headstrong person misses talking to you. Emotional distress is caused by an unusual amount of problems. Don't give up on yourself.



**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Falling in love is okay, if you think long and hard first. Pushiness makes for an unsettling situation. Decadent foods are clues to your secret longings.



**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Be assured that nobody will let you down. A mastermind should not be tangled with. A self-pitying person ignores your friendly smile.



**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
A discovery takes on greater significance. Satisfaction is guaranteed if you keep a promise. An argumentative stranger tells the truth.



**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
An unexpected escapade torments your heart. Love will have a deeper meaning. Someone hasn't changed in a significant way.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
All you want to do is have some fun. Be poised when facing a difficult cross-examination. An awesome adventure baffles on-lookers.



**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Give someone a good reason to stay. A weight problem is spitefully discussed. Bring your life back into focus.



**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Say goodbye to a domineering woman. A special dream will come true. Take good care of a fragile elder.



**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Bittersweet memories accompany a departing hero. Curiosity is satisfied by a devoted sweetheart. An expert interferes with tried and true plans.



**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
An optimist will touch your heart. Prance around with crazy old friends. Stop speculating about how things might have been.



**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Lack of faith will cause a crash. Being ignored will wreck your hard won serenity. Someone's loyalty is being questioned.



**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
Pleasure is found in new music. Disappointment ends a relationship. Stay where you are for a while.



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- NOV. 26, 1784: Catholic Apostolic Prefecture of the United States established.
- NOV. 26, 1789: A national Thanksgiving Day is observed in the United States as recommended by President George Washington and approved by Congress.
- NOV. 26, 1917: The National Hockey League is formed, with the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, Quebec Bulldogs and Toronto Arenas as its first teams.
- NOV. 26, 1941: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

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